

A RESOLUTION to designate a certain segment of State Route 374 (North Parkway) in Clarksville as the "Purple Heart Parkway".

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces and many continue this proud legacy of service today, nobly defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, this meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to Kuwait, to present war-torn lands, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families; and

WHEREAS, the intrepid and valiant men and women of the United States have inspired our confidence, loyalty and support; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is an honor bestowed upon members of the United States Armed Forces who have been injured in battle; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly, on behalf of the citizens of Clarksville and this state, should permanently recognize and honor those courageous men and women whose patriotic sacrifices in time of war have preserved the blessed freedom we enjoy and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksville City Council has expressed a desire to name a certain segment of State Route 374 to honor our military veterans who have kept our nation free for over two hundred years; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly has always endeavored to honor the wishes of municipal governments on matters of local concern whenever it is feasible to do so; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the 3.5 mile western extension of the North Parkway (State Route 374) within the corporate limits of the City of Clarksville is hereby designated as the "Purple Heart Parkway" to honor Clarksville's many heroic military veterans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of the North Parkway (State Route 374) as the "Purple Heart Parkway"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.

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